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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE (TC) DISCUSSION OF ITALIAN IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME AND MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON TRADE AND OTHER CURRENT ACCOUNT MEASURES.

1. ITALIAN MEASURES. TC DISCUSSION OF ITALIAN IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME WAS FAMILIARREPLAY OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN OECD AND OTHR FORA. ONLY NEW ELEMENT WAS EXPRESSION OF STRONG DISSATISFACTION BY US, SWEDISH, SWISS AND AUSTRIAN DELS ABOUT RECENT INTRODUCTION OF DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT IN CALCULATION OF IMPORT DEPOSIT. SPEAKING FOR EC, HIJZEN CHARACTERIZED DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT AS "DIFFERENT TREATMENT" WITH NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON TRADE. HIJZEN SAID THAT IF CHANGE HAD NOT BEEN MADE, IN SOME CASES NON-MEMBERS OF EC WOULD RECEIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AS COMPARED WITH MEMBERS. ICELAND'S IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME EVOKED NO COMMENT. BOTH SCHEMES WILL BE ON AGENDA OF NEXT TC MEETING, FOR REVIEW "IF NECESSARY".

2. "TRADE PLEDGE". AT PRIVATE URGING OF US DEL, SWISS DEL (LANGUETIN) PROPOSED THAT TC RECOMMEND TO SECGEN A SYSTEM FOR MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTING MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON TRADE AND OTHER CURRENT ACCOUNT MEASURES. ELEMENTS OF SYSTEM WOULD INCLUDE: (A) A CONTINUING SURVEY BY SECRETARIAT OF EVOLUTION OF TRADE AND OTHER CURRENT ACCOUNT MEASURES TAKEN BY MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR TC CONSULTATIONS SHOULD THEY BE NECESSARY; (B) "EARLY WARNING SYSTEM" ON MEASURES OR POTENTIAL MEASURES THAT MIGHT IMPINGE ON DECLARATION. LANGUETIN MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR "INTERNAL MEASURES HAVING AN IMPACT ON TRADE"; (C) COUNTRIES CONSIDERING MEASURES HAVING AN IMPACT ON TRADE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT IN OECD ABOUT THEIRRELATIONSHIP TO MINISTERIAL DECLARATION; (D) COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT ON BORDERLINE CASES WHOSE RELALIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIONSHIP TO THE DECLARATION MIGHT BE UNCLEAR. THIS TYPE OF CONSULTATION MIGHT BEST BE ORGANIZED ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE SECGEN WHO WOULD KEEP CURRENTLY INFORMED OF RELEVANT MEASURES TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. TC AGREED TO TRANSMIT SUGGESTIONS TO SECGEN AFTER LANGUETIN CLARIFIED THAT IN REFERRING TO "INTERNAL POLICIES" HE HAD NTB'S IN MIND. SECGEN VAN LENNEP HAD INDICATED PRIVATELY TO A MEMBER OF US DEL

THAT HE WOULD WELCOME A TC INITIATIVE ALONG FOREGOING  
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